
Introduced by Senator Ridley-Thomas

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Senate Resolution No. 9—Relative to the 2016 Olympics.

1 WHEREAS, The Southern California Committee for the
2 Olympic Games (SCCOG) is a nonprofit organization, formed in
3 1939, whose mission is to promote the Olympic movement in
4 Southern California; and
5 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the SCCOG has bid for the
6 Olympic Games on behalf of and in conjunction with the City of
7 Los Angeles, garnering the award of the games for 1984, and hailed
8 worldwide for its near-flawless organization of the games which
9 generated an operating surplus of two hundred thirty-five million
10 dollars (\$235,000,000); and
11 WHEREAS, The SCCOG has submitted its plan to the United
12 States Olympic Committee (USOC) for consideration to be the
13 USOC's candidate to host the 2016 Olympic Games; and
14 WHEREAS, Southern California has a wealth of existing
15 world-class sporting facilities and a strong travel and tourism
16 infrastructure, and is one of the great media capitals of the world
17 with close ties to the entertainment industry which can be so
18 important in a global event of the size and scope of the Olympic
19 Games; and
20 WHEREAS, SCCOG's bid includes the use of historic Olympic
21 venues including the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, new
22 state-of-the-art facilities including the Home Depot Center and the
23 Staples Center arena, and the combined resources of the University
24 of California at Los Angeles, which would serve as the Olympic
25 Village for the athletes, and the University of Southern California,
26 which would serve as the Media/Family Village, and can stage the

1 2016 Summer Games with almost no construction of permanent
2 facilities, therefore focusing on building the human spirit, and
3 human achievement and joy, the fundamental Olympic values;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, One of the many ways that the Los Angeles bid
6 would break new ground is in creating a statewide Olympic cultural
7 program, “Peak Performance,” which would be unprecedented in
8 its size and scope making the connection between brilliance in
9 athletic performance and brilliance in every intellectual and artistic
10 pursuit for which this state is known, from scholarly debate to
11 great food and wine; and

12 WHEREAS, Los Angeles has been the host of two of the most
13 successful Olympic Games in the history of the movement, in 1932
14 and in 1984, which reflect the city’s creative prowess and financial
15 strength that provide critical underpinning on which all else is
16 built; and

17 WHEREAS, Los Angeles is where the whole world comes
18 together, and if chosen, will bring all that is California to the
19 athletes, to the Olympic movement, and to the world; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the Senate
22 commends and encourages the SCCOG in its bid to bring the 2016
23 Olympics to Los Angeles, California; and be it further

24 *Resolved,* That the Senate fully supports the SCCOG in its bid
25 to bring the 2016 Olympics to Los Angeles, California, and
26 declares its intent to ensure that the 2016 Olympics provide a safe,
27 enjoyable, and successful experience for the people of the world;
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the United States Olympic Committee and the
31 Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games.